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1. CTK RELEASE CARRIED IN APRIL 3 PRAGUE PRESS INDICATES THAT INCLEMENT WEATHER HAS HAMPERED SPRING PLANTINGS ALMOST AS SEVERELY ON NATIONWIDE BASIS AS IN CZECH LANDS (REFTEL).

2. FOLLOWING STATISTICS SHOW STATUS OF SPRING PLANTINGS THROUGHOUT CSSR AS OF APRIL 1 (COMPARABLE STATUS YEAR AGO IS SHOWN IN PARENTHESES):

A. SPRING GRAINS - 383,000 HA OR 31.9 PER CENT (98.9 PER CENT).

B. LEGUMES/PULSES -, 13,752 HA OR 15.2 PER CENT (73.4 PER CENT).

C. SUGAR BEET - 8,812 HA OR 4.1 PER CENT (65.8 PER CENT).

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D. EARLY POTATOES - 2,809 HA OR 21.4 PER CENT

(76.7 PER CENT).

3. PRESS RELEASE NOTES THAT SPRING PLANTINGS ARE THUS
MORE THAN TWO WEEKS BEHIND SCHEDULE, THE WORST PERFORMANCE
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